GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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NABARD LOAN FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD has provided any funds for irrigation projects under R.I.D.F. tovarious States and especially to Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details in this regard;

(c) the projects on which these funds have been spent;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide more funds for irrigation projects to the State during the year 2000-2001;and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) :

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) hasprovided funds for irrigation projects under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)to various States including Bihar during the last three years. The details of the State-wise disbursements made under RIDF for the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) The funds provided under RIDF have been utilised by the State Governments on major, medium and minor irrigation projects.

(d) and (e) Loans provided under RIDF are project-specific and are provided to StateGovernments on case to case basis. Out of the total corpus of Rs. 4500 crore for the year 2000-2001, NABARD has already sanctioned loan to the tune of Rs. 1950.77 crore ason 15th December, 2000, out of which Rs. 596.53 crores were for irrigation projects. Further sanction of loans for irrigation projects would depend upon the receipt of proposals from State Governments.